February 25, 1932

Mr. H. P. Ford,
564 Mohawk Ave.,
Norwood, Pa.

Dear Mr. Ford:

You can answer the enclosed letter far better than I. I hope you will take the trouble to do so. I know of no man who is acquainted with our local history more than you.

Yours very truly,

Editor.

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WILFRED W. FRY
THE AYER BUILDING
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February 23, 1932.

W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia.

Dear Doctor Robinson:

Your gracious letter of February nineteenth came duly to hand.

Such a word from "mine own friend and my father's friend" is more appreciated than I can tell you.

With ever warm regard,

Sincerely yours,

Wilfred W. Fry.

February 19, 1932.

Wilfred W. Fry, LL.D.,
N. W. Ayer & Son, Inc.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Fry:

Permit me to congratulate you on the address reported in today's "Ledger" as given by you. To my mind it was excellent from a business point of view and more excellent from a moral point of view. You certainly have taken great strides forward into larger and larger circles the last few years. I congratulate you most heartily.

Kindly remember us to Mrs. Fry.

Yours most sincerely,

WCR*E

January 27, 1932.

Mr. Harry Pringle Ford,
564 Mohawk Avenue,
Norwood, Pa.

Dear Mr. Ford:

I have your second kind invitation to address the Elders' Association of Chester Presbytery. The date fixed is April 7th, the place the Middletown Church, Elwyn. I will endeavor to accede to your request and I will set my time for the afternoon session. I want, however, to have a little reservation on that. Mrs. Robinson goes to the country along about April first. I think I can take her up and be back in time for the 7th but if it should transpire that I am for any reason hindered, I hope my giving you ample notice will not discommode you too much. However, I expect to be with you.

Yours very sincerely,

WCR*E

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(ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 8, 1894)

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January 15, 1932

Mr. Harry Pringle Ford,
Norwood, Pa.

Dear Member of the Executive Committee:-

The regular annual meeting of the Ruling Elders' Association of Chester Presbytery will be held in Room 330, Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pa., on Friday, January 29, 1932, at 1 P.M. At this meeting we will discuss the program of the April 7th Convention, to be held in the Middletown Church, Elwyn, morning and afternoon.

Other business of importance will also be transacted. Please attend.

Very truly yours,

John H. Cole

JOHN H. COLE,
Secretary.

564 Mohawk Avenue,
Norwood, Pa. Jan. 25th, 1932

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I am still hoping that you will be able to visit, as a speaker, our fine Ruling Elders' Association of Chester Presbytery. You will note by the above that we will hold our Executive Committee meeting on Friday, to arrange for our April 7th all-day public meeting. Could you possibly be with us on April 7th, and give address on some practical phase of the work and responsibilities of the Ruling Elder ? If you can come, you may select the morning or the afternoon session, and also your own subject. (The afternoon session would be better) May I hope to hear from you not later than noon on Friday. We should have not less than 150 Elders present. It will give you a fine opportunity to give an effective message .

Sincerely yours,

H. P. Ford

156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

Jan. 23rd, 1932

The Editor,
The Presbyterian,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

Several months ago I sent you an article for publication, a brief article on a phase of Stewardship, enclosing postage for return if not wanted. Its receipt was acknowledged but the article has not appeared. Unless you are planning for early publication, kindly return the article to me, and oblige

Sincerely yours,

Courtenay H. Fenn

Acting Sec. F.B.F.M.

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NEW YORK

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

September 21, 1931

Dr. W. C. Robinson,
Editor, "The Presbyterian",
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Would you care to publish the enclosed exposition and appeal in an early issue of "The Presbyterian"? It was written for the good it may possibly do, and I do not expect any personal financial return.

Cordially yours,

Courtenay H. Fenn

Courtenay H. Fenn
Acting Secretary.

Encl.

January 26, 1932.

Rev. Courtenay H. Fenn, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Fenn:

I regret exceedingly that your excellent article has not found place in print yet. I am simply flooded with valuable contribution and do not find space to print half I wish to. At your request, I am returning the article to you but I assure you that I do it with regret.

Yours most sincerely,

WCR*E

January 7, 1932.

Rev. William P. Fulton, D.D.,
Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Fulton:

I fully appreciate your thought of me in extending an invitation for the meeting next Monday night. I probably will be there and certainly will have an interest. I recall my ten years of service on your Board with much interest. I enjoyed it as much as anything I did while in Philadelphia outside of my own church.

You have done a very remarkable work and at times under adverse circumstances. I do not believe the Church in the city has appreciated the aggressive labors you have carried on. It has been done very wisely and with very small overhead expense. I congratulate you and the trustees of presbytery for having attained the Fortieth Anniversary.

Most cordially yours,

WCR*E

REV. DAVID FREEMAN, TH. M.
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GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
22ND AND FEDERAL STREETS
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

January 6, 1932.

Dr. Courtland Robinson, Editor,
The Presbyterian,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Robinson:-

Last summer I gave to you personally a paper entitled "Prophecy". Since it has not yet appeared in your periodical kindly return it to me as soon as possible.

I will appreciate it very much if you will send this to me by return mail.

With best wishes, I remain

Very truly yours,

David Freeman

1892 1932

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

of the

Organization of Presbytery's Committee

on

National Missions in the Presbytery of Philadelphia

The Committee on Church Extension, Property and Charters

Corporate Name—"The Trustees of the Presbytery of Philadelphia"

in the

ARCH STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Eighteenth and Arch Streets

Monday evening, January eleventh

Nineteen hundred and thirty-two

at seven forty-five o'clock

PROGRAMME

7.45 o'clock (precisely)

J. Renwick Hogg, President of Board, presiding

"MAKING OUR CITY CHRISTIAN"

Organ Prelude

Hymn 589—"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Scripture—Psalm 126; Luke 14: 16-24..Rev. Harry Burton Boyd, D.D.
Minister, Arch Street Presbyterian Church

Prayer.....Rev. Harle W. Hathaway
Superintendent Missions, Philadelphia North Presbytery

Hymn 154—"Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

Words of Welcome—"Purpose of Our Fortieth Anniversary Celebration"
President J. Renwick Hogg

Greetings from Sister Denominations and brief account of their Mission work (10-minute addresses)

(a) Baptist Church.....Rev. Orlando T. Steward, D.D.
(b) Lutheran Church.....Rev. Silas D. Daugherty, D.D.
(c) Methodist Episcopal Church.....Rev. J. Perry Cox

Brief Account of Presbyterian Mission Work
Rev. William P. Fulton, D.D.
Superintendent Missions, Philadelphia Presbytery

Hymn 361—"Hark! the Voice of Jesus Crying"

Three-Minute Talks by Field Workers. Topic, "Weekly Schedule in My Church"

(a) Rev. George H. Bucher—Mizpah Center, 514 Oregon Ave.
(b) Rev. Angelo M. Centanni—First Italian Church, 10th and Kimball Sts.
(c) Rev. Eugene A. Vecsey—First Magyar Church, Franklin and Thompson Sts.
(d) Rev. Percy B. Crawford—Barnes Memorial Center, 7th and Spruce Sts.
(e) Rev. George F. Ellison, D.D.—Reeve Memorial Church, 50th and Aspen Sts.

"Spiritual"—"I Want to be a Christian in My Heart"
Reeve Harmony Four

Introducing Our Present Staff of Field Workers
(Each worker will respond by reciting a text of Scripture and remain standing for prayer)

Special Prayer for God's Blessing on Our Mission Work and Workers
Rev. William L. McCormick, D.D.
Minister, Bethlehem Presbyterian Church

Hymn 425—"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Prayer and Benediction.....Rev. John Grant-Newman, D.D.
Minister, Chambers-Wylie Presbyterian Church

Brief Summary of Committee's Work

FORTY years ago the Presbyteries of Philadelphia and Philadelphia Central were consolidated. At the first meeting of the united Presbytery, January 4th, 1892, there was constituted a Committee on Church Extension, Property and Charters, consisting of twenty-four members—nine ministers and fifteen elders—with specific instructions to carry on a thorough-going, aggressive city mission and church extension work. The Committee held its first meeting January 14th, 1892, at the residence of Rev. Francis L. Robbins, D.D., 2031 Walnut Street, and organized by electing officers. At this meeting it was decided to become incorporated and legal steps were taken to secure a charter. It was also voted to undertake, by concerted effort, to raise $100,000 for church extension work within the bounds of Presbytery. Here began the forty years of city evangelization, the anniversary of which we are now celebrating.

THE duties of the Committee are to study the needs of Presbytery so as to secure a field for every church and a church for every field; to select sites and establish new churches, Sunday-schools and missions; to examine charters of churches, titles to properties and hold property, in trust, for Presbytery; to aid weak and struggling churches; to urge consolidation or removal of churches when that will promote the common interests; to evangelize our foreign population; to raise funds for the support of the work; to secure endowment funds so as to provide a permanent annual income; to extend the Kingdom of Christ in every part of Presbytery.

DURING these forty years our city has enlarged and increased in population. New communities have sprung up and vast multitudes of foreigners from the old world and negroes from the southland have come to dwell in our midst. New locations were to be selected and sites purchased for new enterprises. Churches and chapels were to be erected. Missions, Sunday-schools and churches were to be organized and fostered. All these things were done. The Committee has endeavored to keep pace with the growth of the city. Since its organization the Committee has aided financially fifty-six churches and missions. The goal is always self-support. Many of these churches and missions, formerly aid-receiving, are now self-supporting and contribute generously to the support of the Boards of the Church. Thirty-two churches have been consolidated; five churches have removed to new locations; five churches have been sold and their net proceeds have become endowment funds. Titles to sixteen church and manse properties are held, in trust, estimated value, $500,000; endowments raised, $209,000, with more to follow; contributions from all sources and for all causes approximately $1,550,000. All this, with the help of the churches and individual givers, and far more, the Committee has been enabled to do in forty years for the advancement of the Kingdom of God in our Presbytery. Through all these years the unsaved have been reached with the Gospel and spiritual temples have been built from living stones. Men, women and young people have been introduced to Jesus as the One altogether lovely, and they have grown into His likeness. To our blessed Lord and Master be all the glory. Ours has been the joy of service.

Ministers and Elders Who Have Represented Presbytery as Members of the Committee on Church Extension (Trustees of Presbytery) in Forty Years

Ministers	*Elected*
Rev. Francis L. Robbins, D.D.	1892
" Stephen W. Dana, D.D.	1892
" William Hutton, D.D.	1892
" Robert H. Fulton, D.D.	1892
" John Hemphill, D.D.	1892
" Wm. Brenton Greene, D.D.	1892
" James D. Paxton, D.D.	1892
" John P Richelsen	1892
" James R. Miller, D.D.	1892
" John H. Munro. D.D.	1893
" George D. Baker, D.D.	1893
" Thomas A. Hoyt, D.D.	1893
" Mervin J. Eckels, D.D.	1894
" Paul F. Sutphen, D.D.	1895
" J. Addison Henry, D.D.	1896
" Charles Wood, D.D.	1897
" J. Gray Bolton, D.D.	1897
" Marcus A. Brownson. D.D.	1897
" Francis A. Horton, D.D.	1899
" Joseph W. Cochran, D.D.	1903

Ministers	*Elected*
Rev. William P. Fulton, D.D.	1904
" E. Trumbull Lee, D.D.	1904
" Charles A. Dickey. D.D.	1905
" John R. Davies, D.D.	1907
" W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.	1910
" Edward Yates Hill, D.D.	1910
" John A. MacCallum, D.D.	1911
" Charles E. Dunn, D.D.	1912
" John Grant Newman, D.D.	1914
" William Muir Auld	1914
" Guido Bossard, D.D.	1914
" Charles E. Bronson, D.D.	1916
" John Allan Blair, D.D.	1920
" Alexander MacColl, D.D.	1920
" Robert R. Littell, D.D.	1921
" William L. McCormick, D.D.	1922
" Russell Paynter	1930
" Karl F. Wettstone, D.D.	1930
" Howard J. Bell, D.D.	1931
" W. Edward Jordan	1931

Elders	*Elected*
George Junkin	1892
Robert N. Willson	1892
John H. Converse	1892
George Peirce	1892
George Griffiths	1892
Robert C. Ogden	1892
H. M. Lewis	1892
James F. Magee	1892
A. A. Shumway	1892
John H. Watt	1892
George S. Graham	1892
James Bateman	1892
George Stevenson	1892
W. W. Wallace	1892
Robert H. Hinckley	1892
J. Renwick Hogg	1893
T. Elliott Patterson	1893
James Peters	1893
Henry G. Goodrich	1894
James A. Hayes	1896
Isaac Sharpe	1897

Elders	*Elected*
David C. Golden	1897
Henry W. Lambirth	1899
Edward P. Alexander	1900
William H. Castle	1901
Craig N. Ligget	1901
Edward F. Glenn	1902
Marshall S. Collingwood	1904
Charles P. Turner, M.D.	1904
E. Smith Kelly	1904
Herman B. Allyn, M.D.	1907
Albert G. Bradford	1907
James L. Wilson	1907
George W. Magee	1907
William M. Gordon	1908
Thomas R. Patton	1910
Edward R. Robbins	1910
Gustavus W. Knowles	1911
David P. Tait	1912
Samuel C. Henry	1913
Richard H. Wallace	1914
Samuel F. Clevenger	1915
Burton E. Kipp	1915

Elders	*Elected*
John Kendig	1916
George B. Teaz	1918
John C. Hinckley	1919
William L. Yerkes	1920
William McLaughlin	1922
Robert C. Lowry	1922
Samuel A. McClure	1922
Frank A. Wills	1923
John Wanamaker	1923
George Cleeland	1925
John Greenwell	1926
Harry A. Palmer	1926
John H. Smaltz	1926
James F. Shrader	1929
Roland M. Eavenson	1929
Albert E. Shaw	1929
Robert P. Andrews	1930
Lewis M. Stevens	1930
Roland K. Armes	1930
Edward F. Hitchcock	1932
William Dieroff	1932

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Our Urgent Appeal

Invest in our work of National Missions. This is mission work in our own city—right at home. Send a personal contribution to our Treasurer. Be one of our individual givers. Any amount gladly received. Support a missionary or share in the support of one. Have some one represent *you* as a mission worker. The need is great. The opportunity is yours.

Then, too, remember our Endowment Fund in your will. Perpetuate your life's work and influence for good when you are gone by a legacy. In making your bequest, be sure to insert the corporate name—The Trustees of the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Dear Dr. Robinson—

We invite you to be present next Monday Evening in Arch St Presb. at 7.45 and rejoice with us in our 40th Anniversary Service.

You will note your name appears among the distinguished list of Members. I am sure you are yet interested in our work

We will look for you, occupy a seat with the Trustees who will set together in the front pews.

Best wishes

W. P. Fulton

January 2, 1932.

Mr. H. P. Faris, President,
Brinkerhoff-Faris Trust and Savings Co.,
Clinton, Mo.

Dear Mr. Faris:

I thank you for sending me the correspondence and I now return you the letter from Dr. John T. Faris. I regret very much to say that the Board of Christian Education has caused a vast amount of very unpleasant criticism for the writers seem to be wholly given to modernistic ideas. I do not believe that Mr. Welker misinterpreted the teachings but I confess I have not read all the literature put out by the Board. I am very glad indeed that all this literature has been laid aside and new material will be prepared. That will be very expensive and should never have been necessary.

I have very great respect and high regard for your cousin, Dr. John T. Faris, whom I count as a friend but I have not been at all satisfied with the Board since the consolidation which, by the way, was an outrageous performance jammed through the Assembly at Des Moines. It all grew out of the fact that Dr. Stone was displeased with something that the old Board did. I thank you for your letter.

Very sincerely yours,

WCR*E

December 21st, 1931.

Rev.Jno.T.Faris, D.D.,
Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Cousin:-

If you will look at the issue of the Presbyterian, published in your city, of 17th inst., on page 6 you will find a review of the publications by our Board of Education for use in the Sunday Schools. This is written by H.Clare Welker and if those publications are even half as bad as he reports, they ought to be burned. See the burning of the bad books recorded in Acts 19-19. As you may know, I have been for many years in the Sunday School work. Was formerly Secretary of the Missouri State Sunday School Assoc., and for man, many years, Supt. of our local school and a teacher when not Supt., and I have not been pleased with much of the Board's publications, but this review by Rev.Welker is startling and am writing to know what you can tell me about it.

Awaiting with much interest whatever you may have to report on this matter and wishing you and yours all the go d things of this present Joyous Season of the year, I am

Fraternally Yours,

Hpf;lp

H. P. Faris.